## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE

## OGDEN RIVER WATER USERS

## January 9, 1997 - Oqden, Utah

The annual meeting of the Ogden River Water Users convened in the Pine View Water Users Offices located at 471 West 2nd Street, Ogden, Utah at 3:00 P.M. on January 9, 1997.

Those in attendance at the meeting were the following:

Lee Sim John Mann John S. Larsen Gertrudys Adkins E. Blaine Johnson Terel Grimley Jimmie A. Papageorge James Randall Norman J. Montgomry J. Floyd Barnett Paul Hodson Carly Burton Lyman Anderson Rudolph Gamble Kenneth Buckway Haynes R. Fuller A. Welling Macfarlane Boyd A. Read Joseph N. Hill Hank Clough

Randy Moulding

Utah Division of Water Rights Ogden River Distribution System Ogden River Water Rights Ogden City Water Utility Utah Power and Light Company Lynn Irrigation Lynn Irrigation Glenwood Ditch Eden Irrigation Company Enoch Farr Ditch First Mound Fort Ditch North Ogden Irrigation Huntsville South Bench Canal Shupe & Middleton Ditch

The meeting was called to order by Lee Sim of the Division of Water Rights of the Utah State Engineers office. The minutes of the January 11, 1996 meeting were read by E. Blaine Johnson. A motion to approve the minutes was presented by Carly Butrton and seconded by J. Floyd Barnett. This motion was approved by those present.

The 1996 Financial Statement was presented by Lee Sim. It was pointed out that the delinquent water assessments on the Ogden River System are among the lowest in the State. There was a motion made by Jimmie Papageorge and seconded by Norman Montgomery that the 19965 Financial Statement be accepted. All present voted in favor.

In his Commissioner's report, E. Blaine Johnson stated that he appreciated the help and support of officers and ditch riders of various irrigation companies, the diligence of his two deputies Michael Scott and Lee G. Andersen in distributing the

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water to the irrigation companies, and for the help of Utah Power and Light Company and the Utah State Engineer's office in taking care of all other things necessary to make the River System run properly. Commissioner Johnson went on to state that stream flow run-off on the Ogden River was less than last year but still more than adequate enough that the water users had ample supply to carry them through the summer and that much carry over was left at the end of the summer.

The dates when priorities were cut were as follows:

June 13 Pine View water users began using storage.

June 22 Weber Basin began using exchange water.

June 22 Cut rights to low water

July 1 Cut 1867 rights off.

July 9 Upper Valley began using Causey Storage.

July 21 Cut 50% of 1858 rights off on lower river.

Sept 17 Put 1867 rights on.

End of year storage credits:

Causey 938 acre feet
Pine View 13,418 acre feet
Weber Basin Pine View 20,732 acre feet

As of January 6, 1997 the snowpack on the Weber-Ogden water shed is at 190% which is enough snow for a normal runoff year if no more snow fell on the watershed.

January 9, 1997 Storage Balances.

Causey storage 2,740 acre feet.
Pine View balance 26,560 acre feet.
Weber Basin balance 18,280 acre feet.
UP&L balance 8,230 acre feet.

Motion to accept the Commissioner's report was made by Jimmie Papageorge and seconded by Haynes Fuller. Motion approved by all present.

Mr Terel Grimley reported on a meeting of the Ogden River Water Rights Association held December 5, 1996. At this meeting Terel Grimley was elected Chairman and Ivan W. Flint Vice-Chairman with E. Blaine Johnson elected as Secretary-Treasurer. This group formulated a budget of \$18,519.19 for the Ogden River System for 1997 which was presented to the Utah State Engineer. It was moved by Carly Burton and seconded by Jimmie Papageorge that the assessed budget of \$18,519.19 be prorated to the water users as in previous years. All present voted in favor and the Utah State Engineer's representative accepted.

The Ogden River Water Rights Committee recommended that E. Blaine Johnson be appointed by the Utah State Engineer as Water

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Commission on the Ogden River for the year 1997. This motion was made by Terel Grimley and seconded by James N. Randall. This was approved by all present and accepted by the Utah State Engineer's representative.

Haynes Fuller brought up the question of illegal use of water in the Upper Valley on the North Fork was concerned as to what could be done by the State Engineers office to bring a stop to this practice. Terel Grimley reported on proposed legislation being considered in the legislature with bills on canal right of way and water line right of way along state roads. Rudolph Gamble asked if anything could be done to deliver water from the U. P. & L. tainrace during times when it is necessary to shut down the power plant. Terel Grimley responded that the new pipeline is in place and the necessity for a shut down of the pipeline will be almost nil. Carly Burton stated the power company has taken necessary maintence steps to minimize the posibility of generator shut down. The State Engineer took note of the problems and agreed to look into the matter.

A discussion of Exchange Water in the Huntsville area and its affect on water supply was questioned.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Terel Grimley and seconded by James Randall. Meeting adjourned at 3:40 P.M.

E. Blaine Johnson, Secretary